

About this information....

The McMinnville Planning Department Informational Brochure series has been developed to provide general information on land use regulations commonly affecting activities undertaken by the public and administered by this office. The information contained in these brochures is not intended to be a complete statement of all applicable regulations, and individuals are encouraged to contact the office for complete rules and permitting requirements.



SIGNS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES



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Does the City of McMinnville permit or regulate signs in residential zones?

In McMinnville, signs are regulated not by their content, but rather by how, where, and when they are displayed. Also, sign standards outlined in this brochure may not apply if your property is affected by a Planned Development (PD) overlay zone. If you are unsure if these rules apply to your property, please contact the Planning Department.



What types of signs are permitted in Residential zones?

Permanent signs in residential zoned areas of McMinnville (R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zones) are limited, although some are allowed for churches, schools, subdivisions, and apartments. Further information regarding permanent sign standards in residential zones can be found in Section 17.62.080 (Permanent Sign Regulations) of the McMinnville Zoning Ordinance.

Temporary signs make up most of the signs allowed in residential zones:

- For eight days within a calendar year, a property is permitted a four-square-foot temporary sign.
- Each weekend (from Friday night to Monday morning), a property is permitted a six-square-foot sign, no taller than 30 inches.
- An additional six-square-foot temporary sign (per public street frontage) is permitted when a property is for sale/lease/rent or when a property is under construction.

What's the difference between permanent and temporary signs?

Generally, permanent signs are constructed of more durable materials, are structurally attached to the ground or a structure, and intended for display during the life of the business or use. In contrast, temporary signs are generally made of lighter materials, are portable or superficially attached to the ground or structure in a manner that is easily removable, and are intended for a limited period of display.

Are there any restrictions on where I can put a sign?

No sign may be placed in a location that blocks vision sight-lines in parking lots, driveways, or at street intersections. This generally applies to signs that block a driver's or pedestrian's view between three feet and eight feet above the ground. Also, no sign may be placed within the public right-of-way, and temporary signs over three feet in height must be located at least five feet from the street-side property line.

Are electronic readerboard signs allowed?

Electronic readerboard signs are prohibited in all residential areas except under certain circumstances at churches and schools.

Do I need a permit to put up signs?

In most cases, permits are required to install permanent signs, though not for temporary signs.

Where can I get more information regarding permitted signs in residential zones?

A full copy of the City sign code is available in Chapter 17.62 (Signs) of the McMinnville Zoning Ordinance, available on the City's web page at www.ci.mcminnville.or.us.

You may also contact the Planning Department by telephone at 503-434-7311, visit the office, which is located in the Community Development Center, 231 NE 5th Street, McMinnville, or email any of the staff listed on the Planning Department's web page.

